

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The alternative proposal is to increase the number of tanks—8 or 9 tanks will be dug in different places.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will it meet the situation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Each tank we have found can supply every day about 40 thousand gallons. Ten times that will come to 4 lakhs of gallons a day. That should be sufficient.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What will be the cost of tanks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rs. 1,000 a tank.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government consider to give the minimum quantity of water for the town? A number of years have now passed. May I know whether any work will be undertaken this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I desire also to know whether an unlimited quantity of water will be available for all these localities by increasing the number of tanks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Vernacular Education Committee—work of.

318. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Vernacular Education Committee presided over by H. H. Rama Varma Thampuran was appointed by the Government;

(b) what work it has turned out hitherto;

(c) when it is expected to complete its labours?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) In December 1931.

(b) Evidence has been collected by the Committee after examining the following gentlemen at Ernakulam.

1. **M. R. Ry. P. Sankaran Nambiyar** Avl., Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.
2. **K. Raman Menon** Avl., M. A., L. T., Headmaster, High School, Ernakulam.
3. **K. Kesavan Nayar** Avl., Pandit, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.
4. **K. Ayyappan** Avl., B. A., M. L. C., Ernakulam.
5. **George Chakyamuri** Avl., President, Kumbalanghy Village Panchayat.

For gauging public opinion in the matter, a public Conference was also held under the auspices of the Committee. Several prominent gentlemen of the locality attended the Conference and gave their views regarding the lines on which Vernacular education is to be imparted.

For verification of evidence collected and for enabling the Committee to have a first hand knowledge of the Vernacular education now imparted in schools, 23 schools of different grades in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk were inspected by the Chairman and the Secretary.

Evidence was also collected by examining the following persons at Trichur.

1. M. R. Ry. A. Krishna Warriar Avl., B. A., L. T., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Vadakkancheri.
2. Mrs. Phillips, Headmistress, Girls' High School, Kunnankulam.
3. M. R. Ry. C. P. Govindan Nayar Avl., 1st Assistant, C. N. N. High School, Cherpu...
4. M. R. Ry. C. Kunhirama Menon Avl., Trichur.
5. M. R. Ry. T. P. Verghese Avl., Principal, Government Training Institution, Trichur.
6. M. R. Ry. Jos. Verghese Avl., Panchayat President, Koorkancheri.
7. M. R. Ry. V. K. Achyuta Menon Avl., Superintendent, G. T. School, Trichur.
8. M. R. Ry. M. R. Ramaswami Ayyar Avl., Trichur.
9. M. R. Ry. K. Madhava Menon, Avl., B. A., L. T., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Trichur.

A public Conference was also held at Trichur at which several gentlemen gave out their views regarding Vernacular education. For verification of evidence collected, Sirkar High School, Trichur, was also inspected by the Committee.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its report by the end of Dhanu 1109.

Allowing Cochin Cars to ply in British India— reply from British Government.

319. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether final reply has been received from the British Government referred to in the answer to question No. 221 of the Legislative Session of 1108; if so, what is their reply?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to the question No. 316.

Insolvency petitions—pendency of.

320. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of insolvency petitions filed during each of the last three years;